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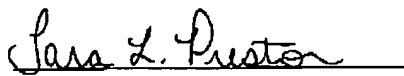
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/036,325
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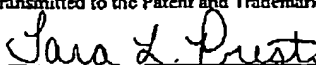
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2004. Claims 2-6, 20 and 21 are pending herein.

1. Claims 2 and 21 were rejected under §102(b) over Komoto et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Pending independent claim 21 recites, among other things, that a ribbon portion having a length of 2 to 300 mm and surrounding polarization-maintaining fibers includes a material that can be stripped to expose the polarization-maintaining fibers. This claimed feature is not disclosed or suggested in Komoto.

First, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's statement that the cured adhesives in Komoto can be stripped is a conclusion that is not supported in Komoto. Komoto fails to show that the cured adhesive retaining the capillary tube is strippable.